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# Message from the President

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2017**

It's difficult to believe we've already reached the halfway point in this fall semester. We're just three months away from Jan. 1, 2018 and the start of a new Georgia Southern. The consolidation process continues to dominate our collective focus and attention.

I know that for many of us, the final consolidation prospectus might seem like the finish line in a long and arduous process. In reality, however, our final plans are only the beginning for Georgia Southern University. Once our plans are approved, we begin the hard work, actually putting the hammer to the anvil and forging this new institution.

Georgia Southern — I am confident — will face these challenges head-on, and take a bold approach to our programs and education in order to ensure student success, and to make a real impact on our region and our state.

I believe we not only have the principles and the plan, but we also have the people — the dedicated faculty, staff and students at all three campuses — to meet the task. I am determined that we will have a University that meets the dire need for a trained workforce in our region, and I believe all of you are just as passionate and committed in this endeavor.

We are building a powerful new regional University that will be an essential resource for Southeast Georgia. I am so excited for our future, but I also realize it will take hard work to get us there.

Luckily, you are an extraordinary community of people who are more than capable of making our future a reality — I can't wait to see all that we accomplish together.

Jaimie Hebert

President